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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Operations Officer

6 May 1956

SUBJECT: Radio Equipment Trailer Construction

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Project Operations Officer dated
6 February 1956; [redacted]

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1. This office has embarked upon a construction program for mounting radio equipments in trailers for use at advance bases as required. A complete set of trailers, consisting of 4 trailer units, has been completed and is to be forwarded to Lebanon when the transportation arrangements are concluded.

2. The very considerable expense and commitment of manhours involved in the fabrication of these trailers has caused the undersigned to examine this program very closely. This office requires advice from the Operations Officer as to the need and priority of this program in order to justify continuation of this construction with the attendant costs and utilization of critically needed technical personnel.

3. The USAF has a "Project Two-Wheels" under consideration but will not be able to furnish such units for approximately 18 to 24 months. Contracting for such work would be difficult, would duplicate the USAF program and would require many months for delivery of the specified trailer units. Therefore, if a real need exists for such radio equipment trailers, there appears to be no alternative but to continue construction work with Project assigned personnel.

4. This office is currently employing the services of 4 Detachment 2 communications personnel for this program. Obviously, the undersigned will lose jurisdiction over these personnel when Detachment 2 activates and, furthermore, these personnel should be assigned to Detachment tasks as soon as practicable. Should this construction program be continued, the undersigned will require the service of additional personnel for approximately 3 months.

5. It is requested that the Operations Officer study this matter and advise the undersigned as to the practicality and priority of the trailer construction program. The completed set of trailer equipments is available for inspection at the [redacted] Warehouse and arrangements can be made to conveniently locate the trailers at the [redacted] Warehouse for inspection if desired.

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